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"The Anglo-Americans have created in Bizonia military formations composed of former SS members, Bandera and Chetnik followers, as well as of other bandits and traitors to their fatherlands. Without any scruples they dispatch into our zone spies, saboteurs, bandits, provocateurs, and murderers. They have transformed their sectors of Berlin into a base for spy work and for the realization of their anti-Soviet plans.

"During the last few months there has been a series of murders of Soviet personnel, robberies, and murders of German population, all accomplished by gangsters under Anglo-American direction.

"The 19th of March anti-Soviet demonstration in front of the Berlin Reichstag clearly shows that the Anglo-Americans know no limits to their provocative moves.

"Under such circumstances we cannot know what other provocations the Anglo-Americans are planning. We can only demand that each soldier, each officer of the army of occupation be always on the alert, ready for combat, and adhere to the strictest military discipline.

"Unfortunately, however, many breaches of military discipline, crimes, and extraordinary events lead the Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Military Group to the conclusion that a great many commanders and political workers have failed to analyze properly the special situation existing in Germany and to take adequate measures to maintain proper military discipline and combat readiness. Events show that many commanders and political workers have forgotten the special letter from the TsKVVP (b), on the subject of professors Klyueva and Roskin, and continue to accept utmost insecurity.

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"Betrayal of the fatherland, desertion, suicides, and robbery of German population, performed by members of the occupation forces, are sad facts which commanders and political workers should have properly analyzed with a view to taking practical corrective measures.

"The lack of practical corrective measures is borne out by the fact that extraordinary events and immoralities have been on the increase. The situation is particularly bad in the 207th Rifle Division commanded by Major General Shatilov, with Lt. Colonel Kamensky as the political officer; in the 12th Guards Tank Division commanded by Major General Gerko, with Colonel Zhukov as the political officer; in the 6th Guards AAA division commanded by Colonel Nekrasov, with Lt. Colonel Savinig as the political officer.

"Investigation of military discipline and of extraordinary events, for 1947 and the first quarter of 1948, shows that such extraordinary events as treason to the fatherland, desertion, suicide, and robbery are in 71% of all cases the result of Soviet military personnel keeping or living with German women.

"Unfortunately, it must be stated that this moral degradation of Soviet personnel with German women goes on under the very eyes of the unit commanders, the political workers, the party organizations, and the Komsomol groups, every one of which has the primary responsibility of preventing treason to the fatherland, desertion, and liaison with foreigners.

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"In the 19th Guards Mechanized Regiment of the 8th Guards Mechanized Division, dozens of soldiers and officers have been living with German women. To supply their women, these soldiers and officers engaged in robbing the local population. The affair reached such proportions that soldiers and their German women were entertained at drinking parties held in the officers' mistresses' apartments and vice versa. Officers load their men in systematic plundering of German property. I am specifically referring to the case of Sr. Lt. Fadeev and Lt. Berezutski, who have been court martialed by this time.

"All this happened under the very eyes of responsible commanders, and of party and Komsomol chiefs. It is obvious that these responsible individuals did not take the trouble to acquaint themselves with the morale situation of their own units. They failed to realize that their units included personnel who have served a long period with occupation forces on foreign territory, who have been former German P's, and who have come in contact with Anglo-american anti-Soviet bourgeois influence and propaganda.

"Education of personnel still continues on formal lines without including long-range Bolshevik ideology, taking into account the special situation found in Germany. Frequently entire groups of military personnel assigned to economic and special units are not included in any organized cultural educational work and tend to disappear entirely out of sight of their commanders, political workers, and party and Komsomol circles.

"Educational work lacks Bolshevik aggressiveness and only feeble attempts are made to attack capitalist society and capitalist culture and even American imperialism. Personnel are not inoculated with proper hatred towards Anglo-american capitalists, imperialists, warmongers, and deadly enemies of the new democracies and world peace. Insufficient attention is given to proper Bolshevik vigilance, patriotism, and pride in our Soviet Socialist Fatherland.

"Some military units conduct their morning and evening roll calls in an uninterested routine manner. As a result of this inattention to duty, soldiers are able to be AWOL without great difficulty; they may even become deserters without being detected.

"On 14 March 1948, twenty-two enlisted men AWOL from the 57th Guards Rifle Division went on a drinking party with their officers in the village of Sondershausen. When apprehended by a military patrol, they shot and killed Deputy Commandant, Capt. Gorbatenko. Pishchenko, a soldier of the 936th Howitzer Regiment of the 39th Rifle Division has been living with a German woman, Gertrude Baer, since 1947; no one seemed to be interested in this matter.

"Commanders and political workers must understand that absence without leave is a very serious situation which leads to crime and treason to the Fatherland.

"Greznov, a private of the 58th Tank Training Battalion, 11th Guards Tank Division, lived under the influence of a German girl, Sewald. He finally decided to commit treason to his fatherland by defecting to the Americans. Greznov and Sewald were apprehended by the border guards at the demarcation line.

"Many commanders are influenced by two extremes in preserving military discipline; they either try to conceal breaches of discipline or take drastic measures contrary to Army regulations. Officers are often placed under disciplinary arrest without the benefit of court martial or preference of charges. At the same time disciplinary stockades are often no more than rest camps where gambling and drinking reign. Arrestees must be subjected to education and not to rudeness, shouting, beatings, which violate the individual's personal dignity and may lead to eventual treason or suicide.

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"In certain units, officers and generals have entirely drifted away from the problems of their men. These individuals have no idea of what their men think or do. This situation shows a serious lack of initiative on the part of party and Komsomol organizations. It is noted that a great percentage of misdemeanors are committed over weekends or holidays when enlisted men are apparently left on their own without any planned recreational facilities. They therefore proceed to seek diversion in drinking and going out with German women.

"Party and Komsomol organizations have failed to reach their goal wherein each Communist and each Komsomol member should not only set an example to others by his behavior but in addition should also assume responsibility for the conduct of his comrades.

"Investigation of thefts from the OSG warehouse reveals that approximately 140 individuals, including party and Komsomol members, personally knew that supplies have been disappearing from the warehouse continually over a long period of time. However, no one apparently thought of reporting this matter. Exactly the same situation is applicable to the thefts from the 3724th Artillery Depot.

"All this proves that party and Komsomol organizations have not indoctrinated their members in their duties, and unit commanders have failed to demand proper support from these organizations.

"In order to raise the battle readiness of military units, improve military discipline, and eliminate extraordinary and immoral events, I hereby recommend:

- "1. Commanders and political officers of all military units after a personal investigation are to submit a report on the condition of military discipline in their respective units by 1 May 1948. Such reports are to become monthly reports thereafter, and are to include measures taken, jointly with representatives of the legal and counter-intelligence sections, to improve military discipline.
- "2. Military and political educational work is to be improved in all units. Patriotism and pride in the USSR should be stressed as much as a burning hatred of the Anglo-American capitalist-imperialists.
- "3. Commanders are to inform all their personnel of the political situation in Germany.
- "4. Decisive steps are to be taken to improve administrative duties in all regiments, battalions, and sections.
- "5. Party and Komsomol organizations are to adhere strictly to the work expected of them.
- "6. Acceptable programs must be organized for military and political education in which all personnel will participate.
- "7. Set up and utilize court martial procedure.
- "8. In raising military discipline, unit combat histories are to be taught.

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"9. All intercourse with German population is to be prohibited. German restaurants, night clubs, bars, and theaters are to be declared out of bounds.

"10. Maintain the strictest order in all compounds.

"11. Soviet law should be taught to all personnel.

"12. Prosecutors and courts martial are to impose the maximum penalties on all traitors, deserters, and criminals.

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